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Financing of the International Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of the Former Yugoslavia since 1991

Revised estimates: effect of changes in rates of exchange and inflation

Thirtieth report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions on the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2008-2009

1. The Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions has considered advance copies of the reports of the Secretary-General on the effect of changes in rates of exchange and inflation on the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2008-2009 (A/62/587) and on the proposed budgets of both the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda and the International Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia for the biennium 2008-2009 (A/62/586). During its consideration of the reports, the Committee met with representatives of the Secretary-General, who provided additional information.

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Effect of changes in rates of exchange and inflation on the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2008-2009 (A/62/587)

2. The impact of the proposed recosting on the proposed programme budget for 2008-2009 is an increase of $43,696,600 under the expenditure sections, from $4,385,023,900 (if the recommendations of the Advisory Committee were to be applied) to $4,428,720,500, and an increase of $5,492,300 under the income sections 1 to 3 of the propose programme budget, from $514,356,900 (if the recommendations of the Committee were to be applied) to $519,849,200. The revised requirements under the expenditure sections of $4,428,720,500 reflect the combined effect of reductions of $12,338,400 recommended by the Committee (as detailed in A/62/587, para. 5), an increase of $83,314,800 resulting from revised exchange rate assumptions and a reduction of $39,618,200 related to revised inflation assumptions.

3. The recosting described in the report of the Secretary-General is based on the initial budget proposals for the biennium 2008-2009, amended in accordance with the recommendations of the Advisory Committee, using the data available as of December 2007. As noted in paragraph 4 of the report, the indicative inclusion of the effect of applying the recommendations of the Committee is provided without prejudice to decisions yet to be made by the General Assembly on those recommendations.

4. The report provides details on the methodology used in the recosting of exchange rate fluctuations and inflation (A/62/587, paras. 8-11). As indicated in paragraph 2 of the report, consistent with the views of the Advisory Committee, the recosting exercise reflects such operational rates of exchange as would allow for the lowest estimates.

5. As indicated in paragraph 10 of the report, the estimated decreased requirements of $39.6 million for inflation reflects lower requirements in respect of Professional salaries ($14 million), General Service salaries ($15.9 million), staff assessment ($0.5 million) and non-post objects of expenditure ($9.2 million).

Effect of changes in rates of exchange and inflation on the proposed budgets of both the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda and the International Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia for the biennium 2008-2009 (A/62/586)

6. The recosting reflected in the report of the Secretary-General (A/62/586) reflects the impact of the latest data on actual inflation, the outcome of salary surveys, the annual cost-of-living adjustments, the movement of post adjustment indices in 2007 and the effect of the evolution of operational rates of exchange in 2007.

7. After recosting, the resource requirements for the two Tribunals for the biennium 2008-2009, as proposed by the Secretary-General and taking into account the recommendations of the Advisory Committee, would amount to $280,386,800 gross for the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda (an increase of

$6,287,100) and $364,666,900 for the International Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia (an increase of $24,952,600).

8. In the case of the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda, the estimated increase of $6,287,100 reflects additional requirements of $4,262,900 due to revised exchange rate assumptions and $2,024,200 for recosted inflation. For the International Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia, the total increase of $24,952,600 reflects the combined effect of additional requirements of $26,821,300 due to revised exchange rate assumptions and a reduction of $1,868,700 for recosted inflation.

9. As indicated in the report (A/62/586, para. 2), consistent with the views of the Advisory Committee, the recosting exercise reflects such operational rates of exchange as would allow for the lowest estimates.

Conclusion

10. **The Advisory Committee finds no technical basis for objecting to the revised estimates of the Secretary-General arising from the recosting of the effect of changes in rates of exchange and inflation reflected in the above reports of the Secretary-General (A/62/586 and A/62/587) and accordingly transmits them to the Fifth Committee for consideration.**